

"gentlemen's agreement" that excludes Israel and only Israel from membership in any United Nations Regional Group. Israel, and only Israel, can never sit on the United Nations Security Council. Israel, and only Israel, can never serve on the United Nations Economic and Social Council, where her expertise is so sorely missed. Israel, and only Israel, is less than a full member of the very international organization which bravely voted on November 29, 1947 to create it.

Today we call for Israel's admission to a United Nations Regional Group. This must be a goal of our government's foreign policy and a priority of reform efforts at the United Nations. That such legislation is necessary is a reminder that, despite the unparalleled success of the Zionist movement in its first hundred years, the state created half a century ago, as the fruit of this ideal, still requires support from its friends to overcome this institutional prejudice.

It is a fitting tribute to this vision that our country will take its rightful place in the forefront of the effort to allow Israel to participate fully in international affairs and to be counted as a legitimate member among the nations of the world. I am joined in this effort by 54 cosponsors. I thank my colleagues for their support and in particular the distinguished senior Senator from Indiana, Senator LUGAR, for his leadership.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

##### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting two treaties and sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### REPORT TO CONGRESS ON THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE U.S. CITIZENS WHO HAVE BEEN MISSING FROM CYPRUS SINCE 1974—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 133

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

*To the Congress of the United States:*

In accordance with Public Law 103-372, I hereby submit the enclosed "Report to Congress on the Investigation of the Whereabouts of the U.S. Citizens Who Have Been Missing from Cyprus Since 1974." The report was prepared by retired Ambassador Robert S. Dil-

lon, with significant contribution by former State Department Associate Director of Security Edward L. Lee, II. Their intensive investigation centered on Cyprus, but it followed up leads in the United States, Turkey, Greece, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.

The investigation led to the recovery of partial remains that were identified through DNA testing (done at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology DNA Identification Laboratory) and other evidence as being those of one of the missing Americans, Andreas Kassapis. The report concludes that Mr. Kassapis was killed shortly after his capture in August 1974. The report also concludes that, although their remains could not be recovered, the other four missing U.S. citizens in all likelihood did not survive the events in Cyprus in July and August 1974.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, May 22, 1998.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:12 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3616. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Houses has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 98. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times, and placed on the calendar:

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#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-5025. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled, "The Health Insurance Purchasing Cooperative Act"; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-5026. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Employment and

Training, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of an administrative directive regarding prevailing wage policy for researchers received on May 20, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-5027. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Labeling; Petitions for Nutrient Content and Health Claims, General Provisions" (Docket 98N-0274) received on May 20, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-5028. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of Lather Brushes Regulation" (Docket 97P-0418) received on May 20, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-5029. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Freedom of Information Act for the period January 1, 1997 through September 30, 1997; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5030. A communication from the Acting General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting, the draft of two items of proposed legislation that provide specific exemptions under the Freedom of Information Act in order to address management concerns of the Department of Defense; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5031. A communication from the Director of the National Legislative Commission of the American Legion, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of statements describing the financial condition of the American Legion as of December 31, 1997; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5032. A communication from the Executive Director of the Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of additions to the Procurement List received on May 18, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5033. A communication from the Chairman of the Postal Rate Commission, transmitting, a report regarding the Postal Rate Commission's recommended decision on the Omnibus Rate Case R97-1; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5034. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the certification of a proposed license for the export of major defense equipment to Chile (DTC-40-98); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5035. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, notification that the danger pay allowance for Cambodia has been eliminated; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5036. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense services to Saudi Arabia (DTC-31-98); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5037. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense services to Kuwait (DTC-56-98); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5038. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to